Ministry of Commerce Public Notice No. 223/PN/92—97 dated 26th July, 1994, to assist and support the recognised Export Houses Trading Houses/Star Trading Houses/Super Star Trading Houses. Copy of the aforesaid Public Notice is available in Parliament Library.

Coffee Cultivation in Andhra Pradesh

3527. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 797 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1994 and state;

(a) whether Coffee Board has made any efforts to spread coffee cultivation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the present acreage of coffee in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) what is the identified acreage suitable for coffee cultivation in Andhra; and

(d) the details of the identified areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present acreage of coffee in Andhra Pradesh is 9907 hectares.

(c) and (d). The identified acreage suitable for coffee cultivation in Andhra Pradesh is 11,040 ha. located in the districts of:-

Vishakhapatnam	8,689 ha.
East Godavary	2,251 ha.
Srikakulam	100 ha.

Role of the office of Commissioner of Exports in DGFT

3528. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of the office of Commissioner of Exports in the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT);

(b) whether any new functions have been assigned to that office in the newly designated DGFT;

(c) what are the details of export promotion activities of this office;

(d) what are the specific outlines of this job;

(e) whether specific responsibility for efficient processing of all applications for exports lies with the Commissioner of Exports and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (f). Export Commissioner is one of the officers in the Office of DGFT whose major role is to act as a facilitator for Export Promotion. The officer also looks after formulation of Export Policy, its procedures, Export Licensing and monitoring of Export Obligation. The new functions assigned to the Office of DGFT are given in Chapter II of the Export and Import Policy, April 1992 — March 1997, a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library.

Issue of Export Licences by DGFT

3529. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average time it takes for DGFT is issue necessary export licence after clearance comes from the nodal Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the procedural delays are quite irksome to small exporters from outside Delhi;

(c) whether there is any proposal to fix